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SUBJ: SPECIAL PATHET LAO PRESS CONFERENCE IN  
VIENTIANE

1. IN HIS CAPACITY AS HEAD OF LPF REPRESENTATION IN  
VIENTIANE, MINISTER OF PLAN SOTH PHETRASY CALLED SPECIAL  
PRESS CONFERENCE AT 1500 HOURS TODAY TO DISTRIBUTE LENGTHY  
"DECLARATION" BY LPF CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON APPLICATION OF  
VIENTIANE AGREEMENT DURING 60 DAYS SINCE FORMATION OF  
PGNU.

2. DECLARATION APPLAUDS PGNU, JNPC AND JCCIA FOR PROMOTING  
NATIONAL RECONCILIATION DURING THIS PERIOD BUT COM-  
PLAINS THAT CEASEFIRE IS NOT YET UNIVERSALLY RESPECTED,  
TWIN CAPITALS ARE NOT COMPLETELY NEUTRALIZED, "US  
SPECIAL FORCES IN LAOS" HAVE NOT BEEN DISBANDED, DEMO-  
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CRATIC LIBERTIES OF LAO PEOPLE NOT YET ASSURED.

3. PRINCIPAL THRUST OF DECLARATION, HOWEVER, IS VIRULENT ATTACK AGAINST CONTINUING US INTERVENTION IN LAOS. "THE CONTENT OF LAO PROBLEM IS NOW AS BEFORE THE PROBLEM OF US INTERVENTION AND AGGRESSION IN LAOS." IT THEN MAKES SERIES OF ACCUSATIONS: US MAINTAINING IN LAOS "THOUSANDS" OF DISGUISED MILITARY ADVISORS WITHIN EMBASSY, CONSULATE, USIS, USAID AND "OTHER CIA ORGANIZATIONS"; SECRETLY SUPPORTING REACTIONARY LAO FORCES AND REINFORCING SPECIAL FORCES; CARRYING OUT RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS; MAINTAINING BASES AND MILITARY FORCES IN THAILAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF AGGRESSION AGAINST INDOCHINA. THESE ACTS "PROVE" THAT US STILL TRIES TO APPLY "NIXON DOCTRINE" TO IMPOSE NEO-COLONIALISM ON LAOS. THIS IS REASON WHY SITUATION IN LAOS WHILE IMPROVED IS NOT YET REALLY CALM. THAILAND IS ALSO VIGOROUSLY ATTACKED FOR PERMITTING US USE ITS TERRITORY AS BASE OF AGGRESSION AGAINST INDOCHINA STATES. "PATRIOTIC FORCES DEMAND" THAT US AND THAILAND LIQUIDATE US BASES ON THAI TERRITORY, AND COMPLY FULLY WITH LAO AGREEMENTS.

4. DECLARATION DOES NOT MENTION POWS OR MIA MATTERS. DURING PRESS CONFERENCE, JOURNALISTS ASKED ABOUT FATE OF EMMET KAY. SOTH REPLIED, "EMMET KAY, AS EVERYONE KNOWS, WAS CAPTURED AFTER VIENTIANE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED. THEREFORE, HE IS NOT A POW. HE HAS VIOLATED CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT. POW/MIA PROBLEMS WILL BE DISCUSSED LATER, ALONG WITH TROOP WITHDRAWAL. THE URGENT PROBLEMS ARE PERFECTING CEASEFIRE, DEMARCATING ZONES, PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION FOR JOINT MOBILE TEAMS, ETC."

5. ANOTHER REPORTER ASKED SOTH TO COMMENT ON PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA'S STATEMENT THAT US AND THAILAND PERSONNEL HAD MET WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE. SOTH REPLIED THAT, "THERE IS NO EVIDENCE US/THAI TROOPS HAVE WITHDRAWN, SINCE JCCIA WAS NOT NOTIFIED AND NO STATISTICS WERE PROVIDED. THE WITHDRAWAL IS SUPPOSED TO TAKE PLACE IN THREE STAGES, TWENTY DAYS APART. IF THE U.S. AND THAI TROOPS WITHDREW WITHOUT CONTROL BY JCCIA, THEY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAVE VIOLATED VIENTIANE AGREEMENT AND PROTOCOL."

6. WHEN ASKED ABOUT PRESENCE OF NVA IN LAOS, SOTH REPLIED, "DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT THE ONLY FOREIGN TROOPS IN LAOS WERE US AND THAI. FOR THIS REASON, ONLY THE US AND THAILAND ARE SPECIFIED BY NAME IN THE AGREEMENT AND PROTOCOL. THERE ARE NO NVA IN LAOS. IF ANYONE SUSPECTS PRESENCE OF

NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS, MOBILE TEAMS CAN BE DISPATCHED  
TO MAKE INSPECTIONS IF AGREED UPON UNANIMOUSLY IN THE  
JCCIA."

7. COMMENT: WE ANTICIPATE FULL TEXT OF DECLARATION  
WILL BE BROADCAST ON RADIO PATHET LAO.  
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